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BUREAU MEMORANDUM NO. 384

MINIMUM WAGE POLICY

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTORS OF REGIONAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES AND
OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF BUREAU DIVISIONS AND FIELD STATIONS

Under date of September 6, 1944 (General Departmental Circular No. 50) the Secretary indicated that all employees of the Department whose compensation is not governed by the Classification Act of 1923, should be paid a minimum wage rate of 40¢ per hour, effective not later than October 1, 1944. A recent survey of the Bureau disclosed but one employee being paid at a rate lower than 40¢ per hour and the wage rate of that employee will, of course, be adjusted to 40¢ per hour effective October 1. Officers in charge of Field Stations having authority to hire persons under Letter of Authority, should take particular note of General Departmental Circular No. 50 and in no case should laborers or other employees hired at locally prevailing wage rates be paid less than 40¢ per hour.

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